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: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A DRY SHEET FROM A

SLURRY (As Amended)

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:
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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. ___ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.